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News and Views Selected From Leading American Papers

Cleveland at St. Louis.

Ex-President Cleveland was very enthusiastically greeted in St. Louis. Can it be that Missouri's Democracy is forsaking its old idol, Colonel Bryan, and turning to the only man who has been elected President by the Democratic party in a generation? Missouri has been regarded as a Bryan stronghold, and some red-hot warning from the Commonwealth against going astray from the true faith as preached at Chicago and Kansas City—Troy Times.

The Absurdity of It.

The visit of King Edward to the Pope naturally recalls the absurdity of the coronation oath, in which the sovereign, in swearing to support the church as by law established, refers to the Roman Catholic religion as superstitious. It is in favor of having the formula modified, out of consideration for his millions of Catholic subjects. There is something ridiculous in paying the highest honor possible to the head of a sect after alighting in set terms what he stands for—New York Evening Sun.

All 'Round Cure.

A New York man who suffered from epilepsy was bitten by a mad dog and cured. The Pasteur treatment cured the dog bite, and the dog bite cured the epilepsy, and the man is now well and happy. The moral seems to be a little misty, however. No man will voluntarily assume a case of epilepsy in order to let a dog bite cure him. Nor will he hunt far for a pronounced case of rabies in the attempt to test the cure. And it may well be believed that an epileptic person who heard the cry of "mad dog" would get over the fence as quickly as the next man. Such is humanity's indifference to the illustrations of a beneficent science—Cleveland Plaindealer.

Gardens in Danger.

Antiquarians will be charmed to learn of a discovery made the other day at Alcester, an old Roman town in the Midlands, England. A 15th century bishop's crozier was found in the rectory garden, which the incumbent sent to the British Museum to have its authenticity tested. In reply to a communication the rector, who did not wish to part with the relic, put upon it what he considered a prohibitive price, \$500. Much to his surprise, he received a banker's draft for that amount, and the money is to be devoted to carrying out improvements in the church of the rectory. As a result of this rector's find, it is said that other

gardens in Alcester are in danger of being "turned over," their owners hoping to unearth more treasures of value to the collector of antiques—Boston Herald.

On a High Plane.

There will be wide and animated difference of opinion over the assertion of the Brooklyn Eagle that "Grover Cleveland is to-day the only man who could beat Theodore Roosevelt" next year, but among all persons, Republicans as well as Democrats, who believe that our national politics should be conducted on a plane of educated intelligence as well as common honesty, there will be hearty agreement upon one point, and that is that Mr. Cleveland's nomination by the Democratic party would be a cause for national congratulation. It would lift the party out of the muck of socialism and general antagonism to enlightened government into which Bryan has led it, and if victory did not come next year, an opposition party would be established to which a man might belong without forfeiting his self-respect—New York Commercial Advertiser.

The Cheapness of It.

This glowing picture does not look so unreal, after all, when we reflect upon what has already been accomplished with the new motor machines. An auto will travel 50 miles on a gallon of gasoline costing 25 cents, while a horse requires two days to make the journey and will consume a dollar's worth of oats. They are now manufacturing gasoline lawn mowers in the West very cheap. If we imagine the automobile that now pulls the idle rich at lightning speed through a terrified New England town hitched onto a plow in some western prairie and doing the work of ten horses uncomplainingly, it will not look so dangerous. Present uses are not criterion for judging of ultimate utilities—Boston Globe.

When Hay Spoke.

The news relating to the Manchurian converges to one point that Secretary Hay's protest against the Russian programme was the chief reason why it was discovered. Japan has telegraphed her thanks, and Ambassador Cassini has conveyed not exactly thanks, but the goodwill of his government and himself, in large measure. London looks upon the clarifying of the atmosphere as due to Washington. Probably Secretary Hay will be as much surprised as anybody at the result. What it signifies is that the United States holds such a position on the Pacific that Russia will not take the risk of any unfriendly steps in Manchuria.

which might make us even tacitly the ally of Japan and England in those waters. Count Cassini is right when he says that we have no territorial ambitions, but only commercial desires, in reference to Manchuria—New York Evening Post.

The Builder of the Oregon.

The death of Irving M. Scott, "the man who built the Oregon," removes from earthly activity one of those captains of industry whose achievements are so closely linked with our marvelous industrial development as to give his name an honored place in the annals of our national progress. Mr. Scott built the Oregon, "the bulldog of the navy," whose famous trip around the Horn was one of the thrilling chapters in the history of the Spanish-American War. To have built the Oregon was distinction enough for one man, but this was only an incident in the busy career of a man who founded and organized a great industry. He built other battleships for our own and other navies. Mr. Scott was something more than a builder of merchant vessels and battleships. He was the generous patron of art and education, a contributor to philanthropic enterprises, and was actively and honorably identified with the political activities of his State. He was a splendid type of that sturdy school of self-made American who created wealth out of mechanical genius and ability for organization—Chicago Record-Herald.

The Methodist Merger.

The Methodist Episcopal Church's Committee on Church Benevolences has prepared a report, to be submitted to the general conference of 1904, which proposes a consolidation of all the benevolent societies into three, under these corporate names: First—the board of foreign missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Second—the board of home missions and church extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Third—the board of education of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The tract society's work is to be committed to this last board. The office of that board is to be in Cincinnati; that of foreign missions in New York city, and that of home missions in Philadelphia. This concentration of forces is in the interest both of economy and efficiency, and no doubt the plan, which is characterized by Methodist business sense, will be accepted by the general convention—Springfield Republican.

According to Josh.

President Brierly is really an enthusiast in the support of monopolistic combinations of capital as agencies of beneficence for mankind. And Josh Billings "is a man who believes four times as much as he can prove and who can prove four times as much as anybody else will believe"—Providence Journal.

All Foreigners.

In the crew of the cup defender Reliance are forty-six Norwegians, four Swedes and one Dane. What does this mean? Surely there are no better sailors in the world than the Scandinavians—Tennessee, too, every one of them. If the cup is again to be successfully defended, it should be by an American crew throughout—composed of men who have been tried and never found wanting, have been admired so much by Sir and who were admitted to such by Sir Thomas Lipton. An American yacht manned by an American crew would win a more glorious victory—American Ship-builder.

Toward Nebraska.

All the special correspondents out at St. Louis testify that the populace of that Democratic city gave ex-President Cleveland an uproarious welcome. To the ears of some of them the shouting in his honor sounded even louder than the acclaim that greeted President Roosevelt. Colonel W. J. Bryan was read these reports from St. Louis, and it is quite safe to assume that he hasn't enjoyed them—Hartford Courant.

No Casualties.

It is gratifying to learn that the celebration at St. Louis passed off without a serious collision between the various governors' staffs—or should one say staves—that participated in the proceeding—Indianapolis Journal.

NAVY DOCTOR VISITS ASYLUM

Pays High Compliment to the
Institution at Staunton.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

STAUNTON, VA., May 9.—Dr. Evans, of the United States navy, who was ordered here to attend the late Dr. Harold H. Haas, has returned to his duties in the navy at Newport News. While here Dr. Evans visited the Western State Hospital, and was highly entertained by the officials of that institution, who showed him through the entire institution. His impression of the absolute cleanliness of the wards and comfort of the patients was very gratifying. Dr. Evans stated that he had visited numbers of hospitals throughout this and other countries, and that he had never seen a hospital so entirely free of odors as the Western State. He was particularly struck with the beautiful condition in which the grounds surrounding the hospital were kept.

The Commissioner of the State Hospitals, Colonel Lane, met with the Board of Directors of the Western State Hospital here on Wednesday. The Commissioner inspected the hospital thoroughly and found everything in excellent condition. The usual routine business was gone through with during the meeting of the board, and the report submitted by Superintendent Blackford was ratified in every particular.

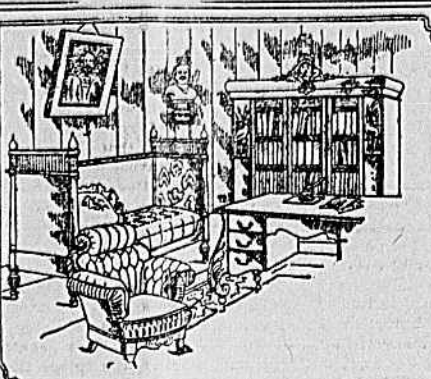
The J. E. H. Stuart Chapter Daughters of the Confederacy, held a largely attended meeting on Wednesday evening at the hospitable home of Miss Evelyn Tyree, on South Coulter Street.

A large number of people from Staunton attended the singing of the hymns at the meeting of the Lexington Presbyterian Church, which met this week at the home of the pastor, the former popular pastor, who stopped over here on his way to attend the session of the Lexington Presbytery, which met this week at the home of the pastor. His text was: "The righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the wicked and the ungodly appear?" There were hundreds of members of all denominations present to hear Dr. Strickler.

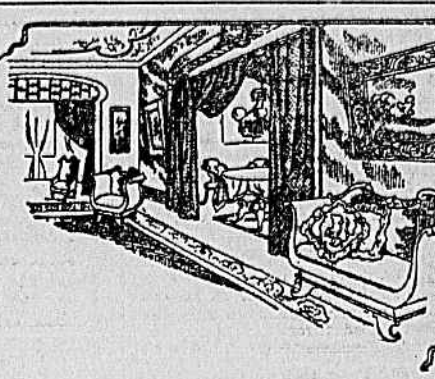
There are sixty odd people present every evening attending the rehearsals of the proposed comic opera, "The Macbeth," which will be presented here by the best talent the city affords. Mr. Kinney, who is managing the play, is very enthusiastic over the showing of his troupe and he thinks they are now ready to make a splendid showing before a public audience.

Washington.

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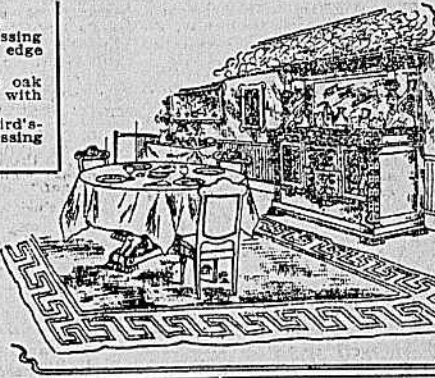
89c for high-back cane seat brace-arm chair; cost elsewhere \$1.50.
\$1.25 for large-size brace-arm Golden Oak Dining; cost elsewhere \$2.50.
\$1.95 for polished box seat Oak Dining; cost elsewhere \$3.

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VIRGINIA EDITORS; WHAT THEY THINK

"Dry," But Interesting.

The Eastern Shore Herald has waded through the tax bill and comments thus: "It is no paradox to say that the Mann liquor bill, as embodied, with amendments, in the new State tax law, makes interesting though 'dry' reading. There is something about the law that puts the liquor dealers on their p's and q's and may drive a great many of them out of the State. For this they must thank the Virginia. The majority of their own fraternity to listen to the warnings repeatedly uttered, that if they did not stop mixing their business with politics and trying to dodge the law, they would bring upon their whole body the wrath of the people."

"Well Paid" Judges.

The Augusta County Argus rises to remark: "Some fellow, seeming anxious to appear as earning four dollars a day, offered in the Virginia House of Delegates a bill authorizing supervisors to provide their circuit judges with offices and contingent expenses, as if such judges do not get enough to live upon. The bill was very properly dismissed."

Hill, Gorman, Parker.

Before hearing the news from St. Louis the Norfolk County Democrat said: "This is the weakness of both Hill and Gorman. Hill has bitter enemies in his own party in New York. It is extremely doubtful that he could carry the State because of Tammany's antagonism. Similarly, Gorman has made bitter enemies in his long career in politics. But Parker is a strong man, a new man and a clean man, and one who, withal, has been too little in the business of politics to have aroused strong antipathies. All of these things go to make Parker a formidable factor in the situation as it now exists. What turn of the wheel there is, of course, impossible to conjecture."

Against Pistol-Toters.

The Scott County Leader says: "We notice that the Legislatures of other States are waging war on the pistol-toters. That's right, and we would like to see our Legislature enact a more stringent law on this growing evil. Many men are in the penitentiary to-day who, if they had gone unarmed, as they ought to, would be respected citizens, and that would just across the way would have a

devoted husband and the orphans a loving father."

A General Awakening.

The Fredericksburg Free Lance has this to say: "The movement for better roads in the State of Virginia seems far more general and more lasting than has ever been the case before. The county of Campbell is the latest to join the ranks of those asking permission from the Legislature to issue bonds for this purpose. Her supervisors have requested permission to issue \$200,000 worth of bonds to macadamize the principal roads. This seems to be the sum generally agreed upon by most of the counties as sufficient for the purpose, and if expended properly, make many a mile of good road bed. All over the State, including we are glad to say, our own section, this road movement has gained ground, and we believe before many years have passed that Virginia will have emerged from the pale of bad highways and rejoice in the increased valuation of property and the increase in business sure to follow in the wake of good roads. The county of Spotsylvania has begun a preliminary wrangle with the State, and we look for the best results, believing that its people realize the crying necessity of improving present conditions."

More Road Talk.

Along the same lines speaketh the Southside Examiner: "The movement for good roads in Prince Edward is receiving the hearty support of many of the most prominent citizens. An investment in good roads is the best and most paying investment that a county and the citizens of a county can make. Many other counties of the State have long since seen the necessity of such an accomplishment. Prince Edward should not be behindhand."

Same Old Ignorance.

The following is from the Glade Spring Journal: "One of the most discouraging things that men of public spirit have to contend with in some sections of our State, is the cry that is so often raised, when any plan is formed for the upbuilding of the country, that it is a selfish move. Some one wants to know at once 'how much them fellows expect to make by it.'"

The Ignorant are always suspicious.

The wonder is that men in some sections will risk having their names connected with the furnishing of any enterprise which is intended for the public rather than private interest, lest their very honesty be called in question by the wretched creatures who never had a patriotic or generous impulse in their lives. Many of our old towns look sea-bitten and mangy because the civic pride of her noblest citizens was long since snuffed out when it was aflame by the ill wind of idle gossip, of a more idle populace. "Of a piece of this is the suggestion by the Abingdon Virginian that the high-minded, honorable and intelligently alive business men of the cities on Hampton Roads want to grind their own axes by draining some swamp lands with what-aver the State may appropriate, to aid those fine people in their very arduous and patriotic effort to bring all the world to our borders in 1907."

A Temperance Body.

The Virginia Citizen has this to say of the Legislature: "The present Virginia Legislature is certainly gaining an enviable reputation and marks a contrast to its predecessors in its vigorous temperance legislation. If it shall pass the bill, which is now on a fair road to admit injured wives and others to prosecute handlers of spirits and druggists who supply their inebriate husbands with such decoctions. It will add another laurel in the wreath where possess prominently that of the Mann bill."

Growing Emporia.

The Emporia Messenger says: "Emporia is growing too rapidly to be longer afflicted with dirt streets, filled with mud-holes, and when the estimate of the cost of improvements is submitted to the town, few, if any, will oppose these improvements. However, let none deceive themselves into the belief that these improvements will be inexpensive. Any work that is done should be permanent and necessarily costly. If permanent, the expense afterwards would be light, and the only burden would be the payment of interest on the bonds, while, if otherwise, there would be a constant drain on the treasury for repairs."

Unfalling Signs.

The Northampton Times sees signs of spring. It says: "These are the 'beautiful, balmy days' when a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love. The fool who rocked the boat is about due, along with the spring poet, and we begin to get that Sunday-school picnic feeling in our bones."

Early Booms.

The Lebanon News throws up this wise suggestion: "We may be a little off, but don't think we are, in believing that it is exceedingly probable to be booming candidates for the

Governorship. The good miller doesn't turn on the water until he gets ready to grind. Frequently it transpires that the more stormy and tornado-like a boom is the sooner it exhausts itself. And when its fury is spent it is done for."

Where Women Carry Revolvers.

There has been much talk lately about the advisability of women in New York carrying revolvers so they may be able to repel masher, scare beggars, shoot rude cabmen and clear their way generally when they are in a hurry. What the average woman would be likely to do with a "gun" is the question the humorists of the daily press are answering in their own way, by representing women shooting at any old thing that came along, and causing disturbances generally by the irresponsible use of their deadly weapons. But there are New York women who indignantly declare that the professional humorists do not know what they are talking about, and that a woman can point a revolver and pull the trigger as sanely and effectively as any man. However this may be, it is admitted that there are more women with revolvers in their pockets in the public places of New York than ever have been known in this city for years—New York Telegram to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

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